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1. North Vietnam

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2. Philippines

President Marcos, buoyed by continuing Philippine euphoria over President Johnson's visit and the Manila conference, is following through with a variety of foreign initiatives.

His ambassador to Indonesia has been instructed to return to Djakarta immediately to fill in Indonesian officials on the conference. Foreign Secretary Ramos is en route to Saigon to discuss establishment of the consultative machinery conceived at the conference. Philippine embassies throughout Asia have been told to provide host governments with copies of the Summit communiqué.

3. Soviet Union

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4. Morocco

King Hassan returned home from Moscow with agreement for the first economic assistance the Soviets have ever given Morocco. The Soviets agreed to provide \$52 million in credits.

We do not know whether Soviet military aid was discussed in Moscow. The King most probably would prefer to postpone decision on any Soviet military offers until after his trip to the US in late November.

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5. France

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6. United Kingdom

British leaders are showing increased interest in joining the Common Market.

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7. Dominican Republic

Juan Bosch's Dominican Revolutionary Party moved toward a much more radical position during its weekend convention. Young radicals seem to have taken over most top party offices.

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As expected, Bosch gave up the party presidency. He was appointed instead to the post of party "adviser." It is generally agreed that his influence has diminished at least temporarily and that the new leaders will be in effective control during his long absence from the country which begins this week.

These developments are another serious setback to lingering hopes that the country's biggest opposition party could somehow play a constructive role under the Balaguer administration.

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8. Panama

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9. West Africa

Guinea and Ghana remain almost hysterically adamant against any move to resolve the bizarre mess they got themselves into over the weekend. In Guinea, militant mobs have been unleashed in mass anti-US demonstrations. Mobs even invaded Ambassador McIlvaine's residence today and laid siege to the chancery. The ambassador is no longer under formal house arrest, however.

The Ghanaians meanwhile flatly refuse to release their high-level Guinean prisoners. They are treating them well, however, and even entertained some of them at a cocktail party last night.

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